**Purulia Pump Storage Project in West Bengal**

638. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of NHPC's participation in Purulia Pump Storage project in West Bengal; and

(b) the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd. (NHPC) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (Moll) with the Government of West Bengal (GoWB) for incorporating a Joint Venture Company (JVC) named National Pumped Storage Development Corporation Ltd. to undertake execution, operation and transmission of the Purulia Pumped Storage Scheme having an installed capacity of 900 MW.

Ministry of Power is in the process of obtaining the approval of the Government of India for formation of the above JVC and for investment approval for implementation of the project at an estimated cost of Rs. 3129.44 crores (at November, 2003 price level) including Interest During Construction of Rs. 454.68 crores along with the associated transmission system.

**Faulty Electronic Meters in Delhi**

639. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the electronic meters installed in Delhi are found to be either faulty or inaccurate;

(b) whether it is a fact that a random inspection survey was undertaken in October, 2004 all over Delhi by the BSES as part of its enforcement drive to check the accuracy of the electronic meters; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per information made available by BSES No, Sir.